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SUBJ: LEBANESE EVENTS

1. SUMMARY. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WILL SIT AT LOW LEVEL.
PRESS DOWN-BEAT ON SYRIAN-PLO RELATIONS AND ALARMIST ON SYRIAN-
ISRAELI MILITARY PLANS. SECOND HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION LIGHTLY
COVERED. END SUMMARY.

2. AHRAH REPORTS THAT AL MEMBERS HAVE SUBMITTED NAMES OF
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THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FOR SEPTEMBER 4 AL

COUNCIL MEETING. PAPER SUGGEST REPRESENTATION IS PREDOMINANTLY UNDERSECRETARIES AND AMBASSADORS. IRAQ WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO, WHILE SUDAN, OMAN, QATAR AND YAR WILL SEND MFA UNDERSECRETARIES. FONMINS OF SUDAN, TUNISIA AND BAHRAIN (WHO WILL REPORTEDLY PRESIDE) ARE REPORTEDLY ON THEIR WAY TO CAIRO, ALONG WITH UAE MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LEBANON WILL HAVE "LEGITIMATE" REP FROM KARAME AS WELL AS ONE FROM CHAMOUN. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AL REPRESENTATION IS LOWER THAN EXPECTED, THIS MAY BE ENOUGH TO PREPARE FOR SUMMIT AS ONLY VENUE AND DATE ARE ON AGENDA.)

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, FORMER PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN TAHSIN BASHIR TOLD EMBOFFS HE HAS ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AS FIRST EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO AL. BASHIR IS UNHAPPY WITH APPOINTMENT SINCE HE CERTAIN FAHMY AND MINSTATE RIAD WILL CONTINUE TO CONTROL GOE GROLE IN AL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

4. PRESS REPORTS THAT PLO WILL SUBMIT TO CONFERENCE WORKING PAPER CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL, CONCILIATION BETWEEN PATIES IN LEBANON, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORD ON PLO STATUS.

6. AL ALSO HAS RECEIVED CABLE FROM ITS UN OFFICE INFORMING IT THAT ARAB GROUP HAS DECIDED SUBMIT MEMORANDUM TO WALDHEIM PROTESTING "ISRAELI PIRACY" AGAINST SHIPS CARRYING FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO PASLESTINIANS IN LEBANON.

7. SYRIA-PLO LEBANESE SECURITY TREATY. "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES IN BEIRUT" REPORT THAT ASAD TOLD SARKIS THAT FURTHER TALKS WITH PLO WILL DEPEND ON REPLACEMENT OF ARAFAT AND REST OF PLO LEADERSHIP. "OBSERVERS" SAY SYRIA SEEKING REPLACE ARAFAT WITH SA'TQA LEADER ZUHAYR MUHSIN.ASAD REPORTEDLY HOLDS PLO LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION IN LEBANON AND ALSO BLAMES THEM FOR BLACK SEPTEMBER CLASHES

8. SARKIS REPORTED TO HAVE DEMURRED FROM ACCEPTANCE OF SYRIAN-LEBANESE SECURITY TREATY, ASKING FOR TIME TO EXAMINE QUESTION. "OBERSERVERS" BELIEVE DECISION WILL BE MADE BY DATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF HIS INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT.

9. SYRIA-ISRAEL. BANNER HEADLINES SHRIEKED THAT SYRIA AND ISRAEL HAVE BEGUN "FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR OCCUPATION OF LEBANON." SYRIA REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED IT WILL EXPELL PALESTINIANS FROM MOUNTAINS AND OPEN DAMASCUS-BEIRUT ROAD. "ISRAELI MILITARY SOURCES" QUOTED AS SAYING IDF WILL OCCUPY SOUTHERN LEBANON AT REQUEST OF LEBANESE RIGHTISTS. PAPERS CONSIDER THIS FINAL

STATE OF "PLOT TO PARTITION LEBANON AND LIQUIDATE PALESTINIANS."

10 AKHBAR ALSO CLAIMS THAT 120 EUROPEAN MERCENARIES HAVE
ARRIVED IN JUNIYAH TO FIGHT WITH RIGHTISTS.

11. SYRIA TOOK FURTHER SLAPS FROM AKHBAR EDITOR ZAYN. "SYRIA
IS ACTING ROLE OF OBEDIENT SERVANT OF ISRAEL." SYRIAN NAVY
COLLABORATING WITH ISRAELIS IN BLOCKADING PALESTINIANS.

12. HOUGHTON-MACK II. SECOND HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION
TO LEBANESE REIGHTIST IS COVERED ONLY BY AHRAM IN BRIEF
FACTUAL REPORT. TACKED ON, HOWEVER, WAS WAFA REPORT OF "HUGE
SHIPMENT OF US HEAVY ARMS" TO JUNIYAH, INCLUDING TANKS AND
40 PIECES OF ARTILLERY. PAPER SEEMED EMBARRASSED TO GIVE
STORY PROMINENT TREATMENT.
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